12.00 hrs

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[Translation]

Railways Red Tariff (54th Amendment) Rules, 1996 etc.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 199 of the Railways Act, 1989 :

(1) The Railways Red Tariff (54th Amendment) Rules, 1996 published in Notification No. G.S.R. (267(E) in Gazette of India dated the 4th July, 1996 together with a corrigendum thereto published in Notification No. G.S.R. 554(E) dated the 29th October, 1996.

(2) The Carriage of Passengers Suffering from Infectious or Contagious Diseases (Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 340 (E) of India dated the 17th June, 1997

(3) The Railway Passengers (Cancellation of Tickets and Refund of Fares) Second Amendment Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 401 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 21st July, 1997.

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Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet (On Accrual Basis) of the Deptt. of Telecommunications for the year 1995-96

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet (On Accrual Basis) of the Department of Telecommunications for the year 1995-96 (Hindi and English versions).

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[English]

Annual Report alongwith Audited Accounts and Statement regarding Review by the Govt. of the working of the National Centre of Films for Children and Young People, Mumbai, 1995-96

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the National Centre of Films for Children and Young People, Mumbai, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) Statement (Hindi and English versions) regarding Review by the Government of the working of the National Centre of Films for Children and Young People, Mumbai, for the year 1995-96.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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12.03 hrs.

HIGH COURT AND SUPREME COURT JUDGES (CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) AMENDMENT BILL*

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 and the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1958.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 and the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1958".

The motion was adopted

SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP : I introduce the Bill**

[Translation]

SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH (Meerut) : Hon'ble Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Shri Nand Kishor Rongta was abducted from the area following under Bhelpur District Police Station in Benaras on 21st January, 1977. He was taken to Punjab by abductors who made his Video Cassette and showed the same to his family members as proof of his being alive. After that a ransom of one and half crore rupees was extorted from his family and only thereafter he was murdered.

I would like to bring to the notice of the Government of India that when DIG of Benaras and S.P. of Gazipur investigated the case and were about to arrest the culprits, both of them were suddenly transferred by the Chief Minister of U.P. I would like to make two requests to the Government of India in this regard. First, this case should

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**Introduced with Recommendation of the President.

be got investigated by CBI. Secondly, the point of manouvering to save the abducters by the Chief Minister of U.P. should also be investigated.

PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA (Samastipur): Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I have given a Notice of Privilege Motion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : When did you give that?

PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Two or three days ago.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Though I do not know about it, I will look into it.

PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Mr. Deputy Speaker sometime back, CBI Joint Director Shri Biswas's illegal activity was discussed and the Home Minister had constituted an investigation Committee where report is still awaited ..... *(Interruptions)* and the way Shri Biswas is acting in a prejudiced manner, it seems that he can destroy evidences. I, therefore request to the Government of India that he should be transferred from the places wherever he can try to destroy the evidences..... *(Interruptions)* This proves that Shri Biswas acted in an unauthorised manner by calling the army inspite of being aware of the announcement made by Shri Laloo Prasad that the latter would surrender on a fixed day and place. I have a doubt if his intension was to create a battle between Bihar police and army in which Mr. Laloo Prasad Yadav could lose his life ..... *(Interruptions)* His life is still in danger.

SHRI NITJSH KUMAR (Barh) : The statement of Minister in this regard has been received. Now you can not raise the matter .....*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received your privilege motion.....

[English]

About the notice of privilege motion given by you, comments of the Minister of Human Resource Development have been sought on 6.8.1997.

[Translation]

That will be possible only after receiving the comments.

SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI (Bijnor) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, an amount of 10 lakh rupees was released to build dams in ten villages so that the villagers there need not be displaced. Out of these ten villages were identified for the purpose. The D.M. had sanctioned 47 lakh for the purpose but when the next Government came into power in Uttar Pradesh, the D.M. and other Officers were transferred and the new officers sanctioned Rs 15 lakh only in place of 47 lakh, but yet it is not sure whether even this much amount was released or not. The reality is that the villages are submerged in flood waters. These officers discontinued giving me Gypsy for which I am entitled. The district officer is acting in an arbitary manner. The Certificate stating previous amount has already been used has not been sent so far. No more loans will be sanctioned unless the Certificate showing the use of previous instalment is received. I make and appeal that action should be taken against the District Officer. This is a matter of breach of privilege. Besides, he should be suspended as well.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (Uluberia) : I would like to draw kind attention of the Government to a very old case that is pending with the Parliament. Converse in Dogri is lingua franca of about 80 lakh people in Jammu-Kashmir, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. It is a rich language having its own script and literature. It has also got Sahitya Academy Award lareates. It is taught in the University, but it has still not been included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. When Manipuri and Gurkhali were being discussed in the House, Mr. Home Minister had promised that this language would also be considered for inclusion alongwith Konkani. But he has not fulfilled his promise so far. I had gone to convention in Jammu last month. Where all intellectuals, literary persons, professors and other people except Gupta ji turned up. The people delivered the Speeches marked with anguish. Dogri Pandit Shambhu Nath has announced there that if his demand were not accepted, he would immolate himself in fire, as Ramalu had already done. We should not add new problems any more with the problem of Jammu and Kashmir, as 15% people of our army speak Dogri. Dogri Sangharsh Morcha has been running a movement for the purpose since 1992. Their demands must be accepted. Dogri should be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution by bringing a Constitutional amendment in this regard in this very Session. It is democratic demand. I am laying it before the House.

SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI (Salempur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise the issue of Uttar Pradesh ....*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will have to think whether I should allow you to speak or not?

....*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. Katheria, now I allow you to speak, Since you have raised this question many a times. I request you to be brief in your Speech.

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA (Ferozabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am making my point with deep feelings of grief. This is the supreme House. Today 92 crore people of our country are watching towards this House. What happened with me on 17th February, 1997. I had already narrated on 4th March in this House. Even though the Chair had directed that the information relating to members of my family should be given immediately but even then I did not get any information about them from 4th March to 12th March. I raised the matter again on 12th March. Even then, no information was furnished to me and the House as well. Then I was constrained to give notice of